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66TH COUNTER INTELLIGENCE CORPS GROUP
UNITED STATES ARMY, EUROPE
APO 154 US ARMY

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SUBJECT: ALBERT, Theodore

TO: Mr. Thomas G. KURRIG, Jr.
Office of Coordinator and Special Advisor
HICOG - Box 105
APO 80, United States Army

1. Reference is made to your Office Memorandum, file DW54-906
dated 1 May 1954, subject as above.

2. A search of the files of the Central Registry, this headquarters,
has disclosed the following:

- a. No record.
- b. No additional information.
- c. Information on attached form(s) memorandum(s) which
may be passed to the BIV.

1. Incl:
Memo, dtd 27 Mar 55,
Subj as above (Dwpo)

WARREN S. LEROY
Colonel, QMC
Commanding

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ABQ/ldc/Cgt 9342-3362

L/R: The BIV requested a CR check on SUBJECT, who allegedly is a double agent
for the RIS and IfG.

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On 3 Feb 55, Theodor ALBERT, net operator for the IFG in SALZBURG, Austria, contacted a Frau HEHNLER (phonetic) advising her that she was in MUNICH. He inquired about a card from the Inhabitants Registration Office which was supposed to be in HEHNLER's possession. HEHNLER stated that she had the card and that ALBERT was to go to the office and bring his residence permit with him. ALBERT replied that he would go there immediately and would come to HEHNLER's residence that afternoon.

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Ref: D-318032, SOI dtd 16 Mar 55, File: IV30059
Sub: Institut fuer Gegenwartsforschung

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SUBJECT: ALBERT, Theodor

Born on 9 October 1922 in PLANECK near MUNICH, ALBERT resided in 1954 in SALZBURG, Austria, Neufanggasse 3/I. SUBJECT is married to Maria ALBERT nee FEST, born on 19 June 1925 in KIRCHDORF, CSR. (B-2)

From 1938 to 1940 ALBERT attended school in BUDAPEST. In 1938 SUBJECT moved to BELGRADE where he attended high school and graduated in 1941. ALBERT then studied law in BRATISLAVA and VIENNA, but discontinued his studies in VIENNA in 1945 due to financial difficulties. In early 1945 SUBJECT and his family moved to BAD GASTEIN, Austria, where they remained until January 1946, when ALBERT returned to VIENNA to study at the Hochschule fuer Welthandels. While engaged in these studies SUBJECT worked for a translation agency located at VIENNA VIII, Pfingstgasse 32, where he resided at the time. During the same time, ALBERT also wrote newspaper articles on southeastern European affairs and became the VIENNA representative of the British publication, *Trade and Industry*. In 1948 SUBJECT obtained employment with the Red White Red (Rot-Weiss-Rot) radio station in VIENNA, acting as an editor and speaker in the Serbo-Croatian language for the Voice of America. ALBERT quit his job with the Rot-Weiss-Rot station in August or September 1949 when he obtained employment with the Unica publishing firm. In January 1950 SUBJECT founded the press agency, Interreport, located at VIENNA IX, Liechtensteinstrasse 3, together with Ernst Peter RINDL, alias Georg UBL, born on 13 July 1915, and Dr. Herbert KEGEL. Interreport collected information, mostly of an industrial and economic nature, on southeastern countries and then distributed the information to various publications and agencies. In January 1952 ALBERT left Interreport, allegedly because RINDL, a former Austrian Communist Party propaganda agent in VIENNA, had founded communist cells in England and Canada during World War II, and because Armand FELLNER, who later became a partner in the firm, turned out to be an intelligence agent for another country, and used the publication as a cover for his intelligence activities. Subsequently SUBJECT moved to HALLING and to SALZBURG, where, in 1953, he reportedly was engaged in writing newspaper articles concerning southeastern Europe and the Middle East for various newspapers and publications in Germany and Austria. (C-3)

ALBERT allegedly became active in the intelligence field in March 1952, when he met Dr. Wilhelm HOETTL, and was recruited by HOETTL for an information-gathering agency. (C-3) A contradiction exists here in that SUBJECT claimed that he had been put in touch with HOETTL by Georg UBL, the cover name of RINDL, with whom ALBERT allegedly had broken off association because of RINDL's KPO connections. (B-2)

In approximately 1952 ALBERT allegedly had contact with the KPO in VIENNA through one Heinz SIEGMUND, an editor of the *Oesterreichischer Beobachter*, the National League publication in VIENNA. SUBJECT's connection with RINDL has already been noted. (C-3) [In April 1953 ALBERT's wife, Maria ALBERT nee FEST, is reported to have stated that if she had remained in the CSR, she would have had a Doctorate in the field of Pharmacutton, and would have been first assistant at the Galenic Institute of the Medical School of the University of Pressburg, and a confidant of the KP. As it was, Maria ALBERT felt that she had missed all these chances.] (B-2) 00003 00004 1655//DR